

one could misunderstand or deny the essentiality of putting them into practice in the same manner that Jesus did when he instituted them among his disciples, giving them an example and telling them to do as he had done. Everybody was delighted with his sermons and his words were received with a hearty welcome by all. Then on Friday evening following, our little band of Christ's soldiers, with the addition of one from Baltimore met in the mission rooms of Brother Lyon's house for the purpose of consecrating ourselves more fully to the cause of Christ, and strive to enter into a higher life by practicing the blessed ordinances which Jesus instituted for us—generally termed our love feast. After all were seated at the table spread with God's blessed supper, Brother Bowman then proceeded to give us the proper emblematical instructions in regard to what these ordinances typify, and the manner and spirit in which they should be performed, i. e., when the ordinance of feet-washing was performed, we were directed to concentrate our minds firmly on the great love that it represented, and its institution as an object lesson of charity; then while the supper was being eaten, we were instructed to constantly direct our minds on the great symbol of hope which it represents—when Christ shall come again and then sit at meat with us in the kingdom of heaven, if we are faithful to him. We were to consider it just a little of heaven on earth.

Also while breaking the bread and wine we were earnestly taught to fill our hearts with the great faith in God that it signifies, and let our thoughts wander back to Calvary and picture in our minds the broken and bleeding body of Jesus who died for our sins upon the cross. These thoughts were so earnestly and firmly impressed upon our minds that none could fail to get the blessings these ordinances were intended to bring to us, if all were honestly trying to serve the Lord to the best of their knowledge with the proper faith. The passage of scripture, "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh condemnation to his own soul," was also given great stress, and none could help but see the great danger of carelessly practicing these ordinances. All seemed to enjoy it immensely, and I am sure all received the blessing, and felt that their souls were enlarged and more of the loving and trusting spirit of God had come into their hearts. Speaking from my own experience, I felt at least three fold stronger in Christ than ever before, and have a greater determination to serve him more fully. O, I'm afraid there are a great many of God's children to whom these ordinances prove a curse rather than a blessing. I think all ministers should be very careful to make these instructions just as impressing as Brother Bowman did. I have witnessed these ordinances practiced where but very little instruction was given except to prove that God commanded it and we should do it; therefore, under these circumstances I'm afraid a great many practice them as a mere form, not once thinking of

the typifying element, and thereby lose the blessing and probably receive condemnation. I am sure we cannot be too cautious about this. But few could be invited to witness the good works on account of our small mission rooms which will accommodate but few; but those present seemed to be very favorably impressed, and many acknowledged that they thought it was proper and right, and should be observed. Then why will people who believe a thing to be right refrain from doing it? I think it must be on account of carnal pride; I don't know what else. O, should we ever consent for pride to come into our hearts and cause us to shrink from the word of God; to feel ashamed of his teachings and refrain from doing what our loving Savior did before us and told his disciples to do likewise? God grant that the hearts of those may be touched, that they may see the great sinfulness of such vainglory. Many have become interested in our good works, but yet seem to be building their hopes upon the weak foundation of procrastination, which rests on a bank of sand and is liable to sink at any moment. May they soon decide to build on the firm foundation. The spirit of God is working through us and we are bound to succeed. We kindly ask the prayers and co-operation of the general brotherhood in our efforts to have a church house before the beginning of another year. If you are God's children open your hearts and send in your subscription to Brother Lyon at once, and thereby add another treasure to your list in heaven. Success to the EVANGELIST.

Faternally,

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#### OUR CHICAGO LETTER

##### THE DECIDING BENCH

I heard Gen. Booth of the Salvation Army this week; he made an address in Willard Hall to the preachers. The old General is a good talker and full of zeal. In speaking of the mourners' bench, which the army call the penitent form, he called it the deciding bench, that is a better name for it, but why pin an individual to a bench to be penitent or to decide? Where man realizes he needs God, there God is, in the field or house, on land or sea. Fire and zeal and activity are right, but while not throwing a straw in the way of those who believe differently, I want no mourners' bench in my church; nevertheless the Army are doing a grand and good work, and go where we all ought to go, among the sinners to find gems from which to make saints. May God bless the old General and his co-workers. Booth Tucker and his wife were also present.

##### SHE MADE A HOWL

A Dr. in this city was recently consulted by a young woman who had been living a double life. The Dr., who is an acquaintance of mine, told me he asked her if she believed in doing right, and she told him she was an earnest church member, but he said: Why is it the people are not suspicious of your inconsistent conduct? "Oh," she re-

plied, "they don't catch on because I make such a howl about religion and am so loud in my profession." The Doctor is not a believer and he made some pretty hot comments on religious howlers, and no wonder. There are people who make long prayers, talk big swelling words, carry long faces, profess to be filled with the Holy Ghost, like the young woman in question they howl about religion, then there comes a time when the facts are out and the people howl, and many of them profess to be infidels on such grounds. If any one class of people go deeper in hell than another it is those Holy Ghost sneaks who preach high, practice low and have a form without the power of godliness.

##### THE BRIGHTON CHURCH

I had promised this church a visit but many things prevented until last week, when I got started. Brother Miller met me at Sturgis, Mich., and we drove to Brother and Sister Smith's where a royal welcome and a good dinner awaited us. On Friday night we rested, on Saturday night we talked on Chicago, preached twice on Sunday, and talked on Monday night, and had good congregations, taking into consideration the weather which was rather of the wet kind. I made my home with brother E. L. Horner, where brother Wm. Miller boards, and called at other places. The following is from the financial side: Christmas offering of the Sunday school, \$2 65; Mission Fund, \$4 00; Lecture and Service collections, \$16.35; Estate of Katie Horner, \$10 00; J. L. Swihart, \$5.00. My friends can bear me out when I say that this was all freely given with no speech making on my part, and it is all appreciated. I enjoyed my visit and rested while I worked, and trust did some good. This is a live country church, all are working for one object, the prospects for future success are good and they need only continue to work altogether and keep at it and success greater yet must come.

##### PEOPLE WHO HELP

Katie Horner deserves more than passing notice for her voice is hushed in death, but being dead she yet speaketh. She was greatly interested in missions and the ten dollars mentioned above is from her estate left for the purpose. How much good others might do in the same way. In sending in the names of helpers I missed the slip having the name of Samuel Lichty for \$10, brother S. Mohler for \$2., and the Carleton collection for \$9. and over. I will send out my complete quartered report soon as can get at it, which will be in a few days. I desire to give all credit and expect to receive proper credit. I never misrepresent a man if I know it, and when misrepresented myself will see that I am righted. The slip with above names was sent on to Brother Gnagey but did not reach him in time. The money collected on my trip has been used to pay some expenses. It is March 31, and I am waiting for the March rent money to come in. If we had the money people